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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *10-4-02* .

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☐ Claim(s) *1,4,9,11-13,15 and 16* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☐ Claim(s) *1,4,9,11-13,15 and 16* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ .
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt of request for extension of time (granted), and amendment and Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 all filed 10-4-02 is acknowledged. Claim 9 has been amended as requested. Please note, in the response filed 10-4-02, applicant identifies claims 1, 4 and 9-13 as pending while claims 1, 4, 9, 11-13, 15 and 16 are pending.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 12 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. The claim from which claim 12 depends requires two does in estrus. Claim 12 reiterates this but broadens the scope in that it only requires animals and not deer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 9, 11-13, and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. As amended in the amendment of 10-4-02, claim 9 is incomplete and does not end in a period. Currently, claim 9 ends after the semicolon after "a)" and does not

include steps "b)" and "c)" of the amendment of Paper # 14, filed 3-21-02. For purposes of examination, claim 9 is understood to include the limitations of that amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 4, 9, 11-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collora et al (5,896,692; hereafter '692).

'692 discloses a scent lure for animals such as white tail deer, moose, or elk comprising animal urine wherein the urine is collected from more than one animal (abstract; C 2, L 1-30; claims). The urine collected is from animals in estrus or animals in rut and is collected using a urine-gathering stall. '692 does not specifically state that the contemplated animals are caribou or mule deer, however it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to formulate animal scent attractants for caribou or mule deer as they belong to the same family.

7. Claims 1, 4, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Christenson, II (4,944,940; hereafter '940).

'940 teaches animal scent attractants comprising urine for attracting animals such as deer. '940 also teaches that the collected urine for the attractant is obtained

from one individual animal. It is submitted that an animal scent attractant wherein the urine is obtained from one animal would not attract an animal differently from one wherein the urine is obtained from two animals. Stated differently, absent a demonstration of criticality, it is submitted that urine collected from two animals is not critical over urine collected from one animal.

8. Claims 1, 4, 9, 11-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell (5,672,342; hereafter'342).

'342 teaches animal scent attractants comprising urine for attracting animals such as deer. '342 also teaches that the collected urine for the attractant is obtained from one individual animal the urine is collected using urine-gathering stalls. It is submitted that an animal scent attractant wherein the urine is obtained from one animal would not attract an animal differently from one wherein the urine is obtained from two animals. Stated differently, absent a demonstration of criticality, it is submitted that urine collected from two animals is not critical over urine collected from one animal.

9. Claims 1, 4, 9, 11-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Christenson, II (4,944,940; hereafter '940) in view of Collora et al (5,896,692; hereafter '692).

10. '940 is relied upon for all that it teaches as stated previously. '940 does not teach a method of collecting the urine.

'692 is relied upon for all that it teaches as stated previously. More specifically, '692 is relied upon for teaching a method of collecting urine for an animal scent attractant.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to collect the urine for the animal scent attractants of '940 with the method taught in '692 with the motivation of providing an effective means for collecting urine for an animal scent attractant.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 3-21-02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argues that the instant claims show unexpected results based upon the evidence provided in the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of paper # 18, filed 10-4-02. However, applicant's argument is not persuasive. The Declaration of Paper #18 does not provide reference to standardization of time (i.e. how much time is permitted for a buck to roam through an area. Furthermore, it is not clear whether the same deer are used and that the only controlled area is the penned area. It is further noted that the instant claims recite "consisting essentially of language." However, there is no evidence that the inclusion of other ingredients results in a formulation that does not work. Indeed, the instant declaration demonstrates that compositions having other ingredients still are effective, albeit Applicant argues not as well. Such a demonstration is insufficient to demonstrate that the inclusion of other ingredients are detrimental and result in a formulation that does not work.

Conclusion

12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd D Ware whose telephone number is (703) 305-1700. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K Page can be reached on (703)308-2927. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4556 for regular communications and (703) 308-4556 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1234.

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